

**IL HIE Medicaid Work Group
Meeting Notes
April 16, 2012**

Attendees (by phone):

Dave Barnes	Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS)
Julie Bonello	Access Community Health Network
Pat Borrowdale	Pediatric Health Associates
Kelly Carter	Illinois Primary Health Care Association
Connie Christen	Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Farrell Daviees	Heartland Community Health Clinic
Stephen DePooter	Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Mary Driscoll	Department of Public Health
Andrew Garrett	Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Peter Ingram	Sinai Health System
Vince Keenan	Illinois Academy of Family Physicians
Dr. Margaret Kirkegaard	Illinois Health Connect
Mike Koetting	Department of Healthcare and Family Services
John Lekich	Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Mary McGinnis	Office of Health Information Exchange
Elizabeth McKnight	Chicago Health Information Technology Regional Extension Center
Susan Melczer	Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council
Renee Perry	Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Mary Ring	Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network
Dorinda Shackelford	Advocate Health Care
Dr. Julio Silva	Rush University Medical Center
Theresa Walunas	Chicago Health Information Technology Regional Extension Center
Matt Werner	Consultant

Review of Minutes

The work group approved the meeting minutes from March 19 and April 2, 2012.

EHR/PIP Status Update - *Payment Schedule*

Pre-payment Audit Process - *Update to Audit Strategy*

Renee Perry reported to the group that HFS is now making payments twice a month instead of just once a month. Approximately \$28 million in incentive payments are scheduled to be sent at the end of this week. That includes \$25 million for 14 Eligible Hospitals (EHs) and \$3.3 million for approximately 166 Eligible Providers (EPs). An additional five hospitals are scheduled to be paid soon after HFS receives requested information from hospital representatives. There are about 2,700 attestations from EPs and 91 EHs in the pre-payment audit queue.

Margaret Kirkegaard said that she has received many questions from providers about when they will receive payment. **Renee** answered that an email will be sent to each provider after HFS receives the warrant information from the Office of the Comptroller. HFS will process the warrant information and an email will systematically be sent to let providers know that they have been sent

a payment by electronic funds transfer (EFT) if they are set up with the Comptroller's Office to receive EFT. If they are not, a paper check will be mailed. If a provider hasn't received an email confirming an EFT has been made, a paper check mailed or an email from HFS requesting more information, then their attestation is in the pre-payment audit queue.

An enhancement was recently added so that EPs and EHs will receive an email after their attestations have successfully been submitted to let them know that their attestation is in the pre-payment audit queue. Additional queries have been built and HFS is meeting with other states and the ONC to discuss how HFS can process attestations more quickly. **Susan Melczer** suggested adding an explanation to the HFS website.

Briefing from HITECH Conference

Renee and other HFS staff attended the ONC HITECH conference. ONC leaders discussed the goal of the ONC about collaborating with state's health information exchanges. Outreach efforts needed and Meaningful Use and measure requirements were also a focus of the conference.

The next call is scheduled on Monday, April 30th at 3:00 pm. Meeting adjourned.